



**SCHOOL OF NURSING**

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High School biology and chemistry or equivalent college courses are required pre-requisites and must be taken within seven (7) years with an earned grade of "C" or better.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ OCID: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Review Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Semester: \_\_\_\_\_

CATEGORY	Sub-Categories	Maximum Points	Points Earned
<b>GPA – High School or College</b> [Circle one]		<b>20</b>	
Date Recorded:	GPA 3.7 – 4.0	20	
Actual GPA -	GPA 3.5 – 3.69	18	
	GPA 3.3 – 3.49	16	
	GPA 3.1 – 3.29	14	
	GPA 2.9 – 3.09	12	
	GPA 2.7 – 2.89	10	
	GPA 2.5 – 2.69	8	
	GPA < 2.5	0	
<b>TEAS Entrance Assessment</b>		<b>16</b>	
*Must be the most recent version of TEAS	Reading 90 - 100	5	
Date TEAS Completed:	Reading 80 – 89.9	4	
Version of TEAS Completed:	Reading 70 – 79.9	3	
	Reading 60 – 69.9	2	
Reading Composite Score --	Reading < 60	0	
	Mathematics 90 - 100	3	
	Mathematics 80 – 89.9	2	
	Mathematics 70 – 79.9	1	
Math Composite Score --	Mathematics 60 – 69.9	0	
	Mathematics < 60	0	
	Science 90 - 100	5	
	Science 80 – 89.9	4	
	Science 70 – 79.9	3	
Science Composite Score --	Science 60 – 69.9	2	
	Science < 60	0	
	English + Language Usage 90 - 100	3	
	English + Language Usage 80 – 89.9	2	
English Composite Score --	English + Language Usage 70 – 79.9	1	
	English + Language Usage 60 – 69.9	0	
	English + Language Usage < 60	0	
<b>ACT – Composite Score</b>		<b>8</b>	
Date ACT Completed:	ACT 27 or higher	8	
Composite Score --	ACT 26	7	
	ACT 25	6	
	ACT 24	5	
	ACT 23	4	
	ACT 22	3	
	ACT 21	2	
	ACT 20	1	
	ACT <20	0	
<b>Science Course Completion</b>		<b>6</b>	
BIO 211 - Grade of first attempt:	A & P I – BIO 211 [1 <sup>st</sup> attempt] Course Grade A	2	
BIO 211 - # of attempts:	A & P I – BIO 211 [1 <sup>st</sup> attempt] Course Grade B	1	
	A & P I – BIO 211 [1 <sup>st</sup> attempt] Course Grade <B	0	
BIO 212 - Grade of first attempt:	A & P II – BIO 212 [1 <sup>st</sup> attempt] Course Grade A	2	
BIO 212 - # of attempts:	A & P II – BIO 212 [1 <sup>st</sup> attempt] Course Grade B	1	
	A & P II – BIO 212 [1 <sup>st</sup> attempt] Course Grade <B	0	
BIO 231 - Grade of first attempt:	Microbiology – BIO 231 [1 <sup>st</sup> attempt] Course Grade A	2	
BIO 231 - # of attempts:	Microbiology – BIO 231 [1 <sup>st</sup> attempt] Course Grade B	1	
	Microbiology – BIO 231 [1 <sup>st</sup> attempt] Course Grade <B	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>50</b>	

For more detailed information, see the Registered Nurse Program – Admission Criteria Policy/Procedure.

# **Admission to the Registered Nursing Program at Owens Community College**

## **Frequently Asked Questions: FAQ's**

### **What do I need to get into the Registered Nursing Program?**

The Registered Nursing Program is selective in its admissions criteria. As such, there are several steps you must take to be admitted. First, you must submit all the documents required for admission – in other words, complete your file. The documents required include a college application, official high school and college grade transcripts, ACT or SAT test score, and TEAS test score. High school level biology and chemistry (or a college equivalent) with a 'C' grade or better is also required.

### **Is there a waiting list for the next Nursing class?**

There is no waiting list for upcoming nursing classes. The Admissions Committee holds two evaluation meetings per year, one in January and one in June. In January the committee selects the class for the upcoming fall semester. In June they select the class for following spring (January) semester.

### **Why did I receive a letter stating my file is incomplete?**

You received a letter to inform you of missing documents that must be submitted to the OSERVE office before we consider your file complete. We only send complete files to the Admissions Committee.

### **I graduated from high school about 15 years ago. Are my high school chemistry and biology grades outdated, or can they still be used to complete my file?**

There is no time limit on high school courses. As such, they may be used to complete the biology and chemistry portion of your application.

### **I took anatomy and physiology 10 years ago at Owens. Will you still use those grades?**

There is a 7 year time limit on all math and science courses taken at college. The Admissions Committee will not award points for math and science courses that are over 7 years old.

### **Where do I take the TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skill)?**

All ATI TEAS tests must be taken at the Owens Community College Testing Center on the Toledo or Findlay Campus. We will not accept TEAS administered from any other college or university. You must schedule an appointment to take this four hour test.

### **Can I repeat the TEAS?**

The Admission Committee will award points based upon your **first attempt** at the TEAS test. While you may retake the TEAS, we will only use the score on your first attempt taken at Owens Community College.

**How can I best prepare for the TEAS?**

Go online to [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com) for information about the TEAS test. There are materials that you can purchase from ATI to prepare for the test. You can also contact Jamie Taylor for study tips at [jamie\\_taylor6@owens.edu](mailto:jamie_taylor6@owens.edu).

The ATI TEAS is a timed test and takes four hours.

Some students will review study materials prepared for ACT testers. For a free ACT prep booklet that you can use to review reading, writing, science, and math go online to <http://www.actstudent.org/testprep/index.html>

**When should I take the TEAS test?**

Your TEAS score counts for 32% of the total number of points in your evaluation. As such, you should take the TEAS in the semester prior to the semester in which you wish to be evaluated for admission into the nursing program. For example, if you wish to be evaluated for admission in January, then you should take the TEAS during the preceding fall term.

**What happens if I do not get into the program?**

You should meet with your health advisor to see what changes can be made on your application in order for you to earn more points. You can reapply for consideration at the next admission meeting through your OZONE account.

**Where do I take the ACT?**

The National ACT is administered 6 times per year by the Owens Community College Toledo and Findlay Testing Centers. To register for the National ACT go online to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) You can select your test day, test site, and pay for your test all online.

If you prefer to take the Residual ACT, Testing Services administers that test about 6 times per year. The difference for this test is that the scores will only stay at Owens and will never transfer or be reported to other schools. Contact Testing Services for an information sheet and details for test dates and payments.

**Can I repeat my ACT?**

Yes, but we will only use the most recent score. That means that if you took the ACT in 2009 and again in 2010, we will use the score earned in 2010. It takes approximately 6-8 weeks for scores to be reported to students and the schools you have selected to receive your scores.

There are retest guidelines for ACT. Go to [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org) to see if you are eligible to retest based upon the last time you tested.

**I took my ACT about 10 years ago. Can I still use that score?**

There is no time limit on the ACT. Yes, you can use an older score, but you should review all of your application materials with your health advisor.

**Can I use an SAT score instead of an ACT score?**

Yes, we will convert the SAT score to its ACT equivalent

**The Admissions Criteria states that only the grade on my first attempt is used for point calculations. What does that mean?**

Some students chose to repeat courses in order to obtain a better grade. The Nursing Admissions Committee will use the grade earned the first time that you take a science course. For example, if you took Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 211) in spring semester 2011 and earned a grade of 'B,' and then repeated BIO 211 in the fall semester 2011 and earned a grade of 'A,' the Admission Committee will use only the 'B' grade from spring 2011.

**I have already repeated a science course(s) required in the Nursing Program prior to learning about the new criteria. Will you use my first attempt grade or my repeated grade?**

The Admissions Committee will use the most recent science grade(s) (BIO 211, 212 or 231) in the calculation of points only for those students who repeated a BIO grade at Owens by the end of fall semester 2010. For all students who earn a BIO grade after Jan 1, 2011, we will only review the grade for the first attempt at BIO.

**Can I repeat a course for improvements in my overall GPA?**

In the calculation of your overall GPA, all repeated course grades are included. If you repeat a BIO course, the new grade will be included in your overall GPA. However only your first attempt at BIO courses, as required in the Nursing curriculum will be included in the science portion of the selection criteria.

**What is the minimum number of points needed for admission?**

The Admissions Committee will evaluate candidates for admission two times per year. Each applicant will be assigned points based upon the admissions criteria. Students will be ranked from those with the highest number of points to those with the lowest number. The nursing department will determine how many seats will be available for the upcoming semester's nursing class. Those with the highest number of points will receive the first offer of admission. At the present time, we are anticipating 80 seats per class in both fall and spring semesters for the Toledo Campus and 35 seats per class in fall and spring semesters for the Findlay Campus.

**Will I be evaluated on my high school record or on my college record?**

If you have accumulated 12 credit hours or more in college, of which four (4) credit hours include math or science requirements in the Nursing curriculum, then you will be evaluated on your college record. If you have less than 12 college credits earned, or if you do not have 4 hours in the required math/science areas, then you will be evaluated based upon your high school grades.

**Do refresher (Developmental Education) credits count towards my 12 college hours?**

No. Refresher courses such as ENG 091 or 096, or MTH 091 or 096, may not be counted towards the 12 college credit hours.